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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

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- 1. THIS MESSAGE DEALS WITH ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF VISIT OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS TO NEW DELHI.
- 2. REGARDING DESIRE OF FELLOWS TO PAY GROUP COSTS ON DELAYED BASIS, EMBASSY HAS NO MEANS TO PAY BILLS FOR REIMBURSEMENT LATER. WE THEREFORE PROVIDE BELOW ESTIMATE OF GROUP COSTS SO THAT FELLOWS GROUP MAY BE PREPARED TO PAY BILLS BEFORE DEPARTURE. BILLS SHOULD BE PAID IN RUPEES WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH EMBASSY ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE.
- 3. MEANING OF PARA 10 OF REF A IS UNCLEAR TO EMBASSY. WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED FISCAL DATA MENTIONED IN THAT PARA AND ARE NOT SURE WHAT SHOULD BE CHARGED TO FISCAL DATA WHEN RECEIVED.PLEASE SEND FISCAL DATA AND CLARIFY USE.
- 4. TRANSPORTATION COSTS: BUS RENTAL FOR TRANSPORT TO AND FROM AIRPORT AND TO MEETINGS IS AT RATE OF RS. 270 UNCLASSIFIED

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(APPROX. DOLS31) MINIMUM UP TO FUR HOURS USE, AND RS. 450 (DOLS 51.50) FOR FOUR TO NINE HOURS. EACH HOUR BEYOND THAT IS AT RATE OF RS. 10 PER HOUR (DOLS1.14). WE ESTIMATE TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR PROGRAM AS FOLLOWS:

A. JULY 7, 8, AND 9 IN NEW DELHI: RS. 1,350 (DOLS154).

B. JULY 10: TRANSPORT TO AIRPORT: RS 270 (DOLS31) AND SIGHTSEEING/AIRPORT TRANSPORT IN AGRA: RS 850 (DOLS97).

C. JULY 15: TRANSPORT FROM AIRPORT TO RURALAREAS TO HOTEL: RS. 450 (DOLS51.50). THERE IS ALSO A MILEAGE CHARGE OF RS 4 PER KILOMETER (DOLS0.46) OVER THE FLAT RATE OF 96 KILOMETERS.

D. JULY 16: TRANSPORT FROM HOTEL TO AIRPORT: RS 270 (DOLS31).

TOTAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS, THEREFORE, SHOULD BE APPROXIMATELY DOLS365 PLUS ADDITIONAL MILEAGE ON RURAL TRIP.

5. HOTEL COSTS: THE ROOM RATES AT THE ASHOKA ARE RS 200 (DOLS23 APPROX) FOR THE SINGLE ROOM AND RS. 275 (DOLS31.50 APPROX.) FOR EACH OF THE EIGHT DOUBLES. BILLS MUST BE PAID UPON DEPARTURE MORNING OF JULY 10 AND AGAIN JULY 16 AND FELLOWS GROUP WILL BE PROVIDED WITH LETTERS PERMITTING PAYMENT IN RUPEES. BOOKINGS IN TOTAL ARE FOR FOUR NIGHTS. BECAUSE OF VARIOUS ADDITIONAL COSTS, SUCH AS RESTAURANT AND ROOM SERVICE AND GELEPHONE CALLS, THAT VISITORS NORMALLY ADD TO HOTEL BILLS, USUAL PRACTICE IS FOR EACH MEMBER OF GROUP TO PAY OWN BILL.

6. ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE: GROUP MEMBERS WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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PROVIDED WITH SOME RUPEES UPLN ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT JULY 7 TO COVER INCIDENTALS AT HOTEL. IN AFTERNOON, THEY MAY CASH DOLLARS OR CHECKS TO COVER THEIR ESTIMATED COSTS(AND PURCHASS) DURING INDIA VISIT. ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE AT END OF VISIT TO CONVERT EXCESS RUPEES BACK TO DOLARS.

7. WEATHER: WE ENDORSE CONGEN BOMBAY'S SUGGESTION THAT FELLOWS CONSIDER BRNGING UMBRELLAS SINCE IT IS MONSOON SEASON. GOHEEN

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